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### Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/599,237

**Applicant(s)**

NAKATA ET AL.

**Examiner**

Dennis M. Butler

**Art Unit**

2115

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 September 2006.  
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.  
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are allowed.  
6) ☒ Claim(s) 10, 11, 14, 15, 20 and 21 is/are rejected.  
7) ☒ Claim(s) 12, 13 and 16-19 is/are objected to.  
8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 September 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☒ None of:  
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/9/06  
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_  
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application  
6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

1. This action is in response to the application filed on September 22, 2006. Claims 1-21 are pending. This application is a 371 application of PCT/JP2005/005288 filed on March 23, 2005.

***Priority***

2. Applicant has claimed priority to applications JP 2004-084352 and JP 2004-292214. However, none of the priority documents have been received. A certified copy of each priority document must be submitted in order to perfect the claim of priority.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 10-11, 14-15 and 20-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fujimoto, U. S. Patent 5,841,323.

Per claims 10, 20 and 21:

A) Fujimoto teach the following claimed items:

1. a clock generating device with figure 1;
2. an A/D converting means with A/D converter 2 of figure 1 and at column 5, lines 18-31;

3. a first phase error calculating means with phase comparator 21, with figure 2, at column 5, lines 36-45 and column 6, lines 5-62;
4. a first displacement distribution detecting means with frequency comparator 23, low-pass filter 24 and switch 25 of figure 1, with figure 3, at column 5, lines 46-64 and column 6, line 63 – column 7, line 41;
5. a loop filter means with loop filter 26 of figure 1 and at column 5, lines 65-67;
6. a clock oscillating means with VCO 27 of figure 1 and at column 6, lines 1-4.

Per claims 11, 14 and 15:

Fujimoto discloses a synchronization determining means with figures 2 and 3 and at column 7, line 44 – column 9, line 25. Fujimoto discloses detecting distribution by accumulating signs of the displacements only when the absolute value of the displacement is larger than a predetermined value with figures 3, 4A and 4B and at column 6, line 65 – column 7, line 41.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. Claims 12-13 and 16-19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
6. Claims 1-9 are allowable over the prior art because the prior art does not teach or suggest the recited combination of interrelated elements or steps in independent claims 1, 8 and 9.

***Conclusion***

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dennis M. Butler whose telephone number is 571-272-3663. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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